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## STEAMBOAT DESTROYED

**Seven Persons Killed in a Boiler Explosion—Many Others Injured—Four Missing.**

## THE BOAT RUNS AGROUND

The Boiler of the Steamboat City of Trenton Explodes Near Philadelphia, Killing Seven Persons and Injuring Over a Score of Others. After the Explosion the Boat Takes Fire and Runs Aground—Is Now a Wrecked and Blackened Hull—List of the Victims.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press  
Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—While the steamboat city of Trenton, of the Wilmington Steamboat company, was on her way from this city to Trenton, N. J., this evening her port boiler exploded killing seven persons and injuring over a score of others. Four passengers are missing, but as many sustained slight injuries, it is thought the missing might be among those who did not find it necessary to go to the hospital.

The dead are:

**List of the Dead.**  
H. C. Chew, assistant engineer.  
Miss Elizabeth Green, Philadelphia.  
Two Firemen, names unknown.  
One Deck Hand, name unknown.  
Two Passengers, names unknown.  
Missing.

Mrs. John Matthews, Philadelphia.  
Miss Matilda Gross, Philadelphia.  
Two Children, who were seen to jump overboard.

**Injured, Scalded and Burned.**

Teresa Brown, Philadelphia, scalded.  
Louise Parsons, Philadelphia, fatally.  
J. S. Smith, Canfield, S. J.  
Mrs. Barrett, Canfield, S. J.  
Mrs. Anna Hause, Canfield, S. J.  
Miss Mary Margaret, Philadelphia.  
John Murphy, Philadelphia.  
S. L. Kehler, Philadelphia.  
Miss E. Matthews, Philadelphia.  
Miss G. E. Smith, Philadelphia.  
Bessie Brown, Philadelphia.  
Edna Van Sickle, Philadelphia, N. J.  
James D. Ladd, Philadelphia.  
Louise Robinson, Canfield.  
Wilson Meek, Philadelphia.  
W. F. Messelman, Marysville, Pa.  
J. W. Hastings, Philadelphia.  
Miss J. M. Hastings, Philadelphia.  
Miss Louise Ladd, Philadelphia.  
Mrs. F. A. De Laury, Philadelphia.  
Mrs. Canfield, Philadelphia.  
Miss Carrie Canfield, Philadelphia.  
Albert Lee, Philadelphia.

**Boat Takes Fire.**

After the explosion the boat took fire and ran aground. Tonight she lies a wrecked and blackened hull in the marshes opposite Tressdale, sixteen miles above this city. Her hold is filled with water and it is feared more of her passengers and crew may be found in the bottom of the boat when the water is pumped out.

A boat belonging to the police department is anchored a short distance from the stranded excursion steamer pumping the water from the tilted vessel, and members of the police force are on shore ready to send any bodies that may be recovered to the morgue in this city. The city of Trenton makes daily trips between Philadelphia and Trenton, stopping at Burlington, N. J., Bristol, and other points on the way.

She left this afternoon after intervals behind her schedule time. Her passenger list was lighter than usual and she carried very little freight. The vessel was in charge of Captain W. A. Worrell. The other officers were Edward Curry, pilot; J. W. Vanderveer, mate; Edward Murphy, chief engineer; J. D. Chew, assistant engineer, and Clayton Heybold, purser. There were about twelve firemen and deck hands aboard. Nothing of moment occurred until the boat reached Tressdale. At a point opposite what is known as the Harrison mansion, a spacious building fronting the Delaware river at this suburban resort, the steam pipe connecting with the port boiler burst with a loud report. The forward portion of the upper deck was well filled with passengers, while many others were in the cabin. Before any of the passengers or employees had an opportunity of seeking places of safety an explosion occurred and that time the port boiler was ruptured, causing steam and water poured into the cabin and sections of the woodwork of the boat were torn away by the force of the explosion. Those of the passengers who were not scalded and burned by the scalding steam and boiling water were struck by the flying portions of the splintered cabin. Legs and arms were broken and faces and bodies were parboiled. The screams of the injured could be heard on shore and the cries of those who leaped and were blown into the river were heartrending. So great was the force of the explosion that a piano in the upper drawing room of the boat was hurled many feet away from the boat into the river. This proved a fortunate circumstance for many of the injured passengers. Thrown into the water scalded and otherwise injured so that they were rendered helpless, they clung to the piano, which had fallen into shallow water, until rescued.

**Hurled from the Pilot House.**

When the explosion occurred, Mate Vanderveer and Pilot Curry were in the pilot house. Both were hurled with terrific force from the little enclosure and the wheel, for some unaccountable reason began to revolve with lightning-like rapidity. As a result of this, the rudder turned the bow of the boat towards shore and she quickly ran aground, ending herself in the mud.

By this time the vessel had caught fire and those of the passengers who were still aboard were compelled to

leap for their lives. Fortunately, the water was not more than four feet deep, and many of the victims of the disaster, were able to wade ashore. Some, however, who were too seriously injured to help themselves were rescued by members of the boat clubs, whose houses line the river front at this point. The captain and crew of the boat conducted themselves as heroes. They rendered all the assistance possible to the injured, and Captain Worrell was the last man to leave the boat.

All of the seriously injured were hastily conveyed to the hospital at the House of Correction at Harrisburg, and three miles below Tressdale. As soon as possible, word was sent to the city for the police boats Samuel H. Ashbridge and Edwin S. Stuart, of the emergency corps of doctors. The two police boats rendered effective service in extinguishing the flames, which were fast consuming the boat, and in caring for the injured. The physicians and surgeons of the emergency corps assisted in relieving the suffering of the injured.

**In House of Correction.**

The scenes in the House of Correction hospital were pitiable. Men and women, with the flesh hanging from their limbs, bore their suffering like stoics and some even smiled while the doctors eased the raw and bleeding flesh with cooling lotions. A few minutes after the explosion occurred, two steamers, the Panama and Columbia, of the river, were summoned to render aid and offer assistance, but the passengers had been saved and the boats proceeded to their destination. None of the injured was able to give an intelligible account of the disaster. Chief Engineer Murphy, who was on watch when the accident happened, reported to the officials in this city to-night that the boiler which exploded carried only 15 pounds of steam. Murphy along with an older named Bryan had just left the boiler room when the explosion occurred. Both are positive that the boiler did not carry the limit of steam allowed by law. Murphy was slightly injured and Bryan escaped without a scratch. The assistant engineer, Chew, and a fireman, who were on watch and were en route, were killed.

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## CORPORATION MAKES GAINS

**Management of the Star Plant at Pittsburg Claims That All Mills Will Soon Be in Operation.**

## SHAFER NOT WORRIED

**The American Tin Plate Company Advertise for Men to Start Their Mills—All Applicants Offered the Highest Wages and a Permanent Job—Mr. Burns' Arbitration Plans.**

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—The steel corporation continued making gains in this district and today added enough men to its force at the Star plant to complete the working of two mills double turn night and day from now on. The management claims that the entire plant will be up full before the week ends. The strikers say this claim is not to be made good and it is merely as a bluff.

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**Mr. Wilson's Statement.**

Last night Horace Wilson, vice-president and manager of the Wilmington Steamboat company, issued the following statement:

"As near as we can ascertain the accident to the steamer City of Trenton was due to the explosion of the boiler in her port boiler, setting fire to the vessel. The surviving engineers report ample water in the boiler within two minutes prior to the explosion. Just what caused the explosion we are unable to determine at this time."

The steamboat City of Trenton was launched at Neale & Bovey's ship yard last March. She was built for the Wilmington Steamboat company to ply between Philadelphia and Trenton and was designed for speed in short dashes between these cities. The engine of less than five feet permits her to run at top speed on the tide. She was 162 feet long and 32 feet beam.

Late tonight two additional bodies were recovered from the wreck of the steamer and were brought to the morgue in this city. At midnight the city police, who are searching the river, caught the body of a boy on their grapping lines in the channel of the river where the explosion occurred. This makes a total of ten bodies lost.

There is a strong belief that most victims are in the river and the search will be kept up until every part of the stream in the vicinity has been gone over by the grappers. Four more bodies have been identified at the morgue, making six in all. They are Arthur Lansing, a moulder, of Trenton, N. J.; James O'Connell, fireman on the City of Trenton, of Wilmington Del.; O. M. Mable, fireman, Philadelphia, and Arthur Mable, deckhand, Philadelphia.

**First—That President Shaffer and the officials of his organization shall sign an agreement to arbitrate, and that the decision of the board of arbitration shall be final and binding to all parties connected with the organization.**

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Third—That each side shall publicly announce the name of the man selected within twenty-four hours after signing the agreement that the two organizations within ten days thereafter shall render a decision in writing, signed by at least two members within at least fifteen days.

Fourth—That all testimony shall be taken under oath, and the judge shall have authority to summon any person connected with either side, and the judge shall have full authority to take depositions in connection with the same and shall also have the right to hear any person connected with either side.

Fifth—That each organization shall have the right to select two representatives to attend the meetings of the board and cross-examine witnesses.

Sixth—That if at any time during the hearing there is any dispute about the interpretation of the board's decision and if the proper officers of the organization cannot peacefully decide and settle the same it shall be referred to the chairman of the board of arbitration and his decision shall be recognized by both sides.

Seventh—In the selection of arbitrators, as a rule, each side selects a representative strongly in favor of its particular interests, preeminent and capable, and the two sides shall agree to the selection of the third party, and the two sides shall render a decision in writing, signed by at least two members within at least fifteen days.

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